

157 WAR VESSELS IN THREE YEARS

NATIONAL DEFENSE PROGRAMME
VIRTUALLY COMPLETE, AP-
PROVING INCREASE.

SECOND LARGEST IN WORLD

House Accepts Building Plan—Secretary Daniels Declares Measure So Nearly Complete and Perfect It Will Stand as a Model.

Washington.—Congress virtually completed the national defense program by finally approving the great increases in naval construction and personnel written into the naval bill and urgently supported by the administration.

The house accepted the building program, to which its conferees on the measure had refused to agree, by a vote of 283 to 51, with seven of the members present not voting. The personnel increases, on which there also was a disagreement in conference, were approved without a record vote.

The personnel and construction sections, which already have the approval of the senate, authorize an increase in enlisted men to 74,709 and the building of 157 war vessels within the next three years, with four battle cruisers and four battleships included among the ships for 1917. Previously the house had refused to adopt a continuing building program, had authorized only five capital ships, all of them battle cruisers, and had provided for a personnel of only 65,000.

On several less important questions, including appropriation for improvement of navy yards, the house insisted on its disagreement to senate increases and voted to send the bill back to conference for settlement of these points. An early agreement is expected, however, and the measure may be sent to the president for his signature within a week.

Secretary Daniels issued a statement pointing out that the building authorizations in the bills were the greatest ever passed in any country and would give the United States, in the opinion of naval authorities, the second largest navy in the world. He declared the measure "so complete and nearly perfect that it will stand as a model for all navy bills for future legislators."

WILL STAY IN CAMP.

Movement of Troops Is Temporarily Suspended.

Washington.—Orders for the remaining mobilized units of the national guard to proceed to the border have been suspended by the war department. No official explanation has been made, but it is known that the delicacy of the railroad strike situation has been the moving consideration.

The suspension of the orders prevents the immediate movement of the troops from Kentucky, Ohio and Vermont, and the movement of all other mobilized units which were to have gone forward as soon as they were equipped. Some of the Kentucky, Ohio and Vermont troops were about ready to go to the border.

It is clear that the suspension is not a revocation of the orders, and that if the railroad strike situation clears up the troops will be moved to the border line.

Justice Brandeis Unable To Serve.
Washington.—Associate Justice L. D. Brandeis of the supreme court has informed President Wilson that because of the mass of business before the court he would be unable to accept the president's designation to serve on the joint commission which will attempt to solve the differences between the U. S. and Mexico.

Has Productive Farm.
Nacoma, Texas.—A farmer named Palmer, near here, several days ago, plowed up silver bars on his farm variously estimated to be worth from \$100,000 to \$250,000. It is believed the bars were left here by Spaniards in the sixteenth or seventeenth century when they retreated owing to the activity of Indians.

Alabama Editors Make Up.
Birmingham.—A special committee of the Birmingham Rotary Club announced an adjustment of the recent personal differences between E. W. Barrett and W. H. Jeffries of the Age-Herald and Victor H. Hanson of the Birmingham News, and both newspapers published apologies.

Indict Boston Osteopath.
Boston.—Dr. Eldridge D. Atwood, the osteopath who shot and fatally wounded Dr. Wilfred E. Harris, president of the Massachusetts College of Osteopathy, is accused of murder in the first degree in an indictment returned. Just before the shooting Atwood had learned of the death of his fiancée, Dr. Celia P. Adams, from poison, apparently self-administered. Atwood told the police that Dr. Adams had admitted an intimacy with Harris that made her promised marriage impossible.

LAKE WAS ARTIFICIAL ONE

Toxaway Dam Gives Way, Sending Waters Over Uninhabited South Carolina Country.

Asheville, N. C.—The Lake Toxaway dam, weakened by the recent floods, broke Sunday night, sending a great wall of water down the valley toward Western South Carolina. Warnings sent out from several cities are believed to have enabled most persons in the path of the flood to reach safety.

The lake, an artificial body of water, was created in 1902 by eastern capitalists. It covers 550 acres to an average depth of 30 feet. The dam, an eighth of a mile long and 50 feet high, was completely destroyed. The town of Lake Toxaway suffered only minor damage, though the lake was completely drained.

The released waters rushed through the Toxaway River valley, a comparatively uninhabited section, towards the Chuga river in South Carolina. Anderson, Wallhalla, Pickens and Seneca counties comprised the territory immediately threatened and warnings were telephoned to all places that could be reached.

Toxaway is the third and largest of the lakes in the Western North Carolina mountains to go out since July 1, when heavy rains caused serious floods in that section.

No Casualties Reported.

Asheville.—No lives were lost, as far as could be ascertained here, by the breaking of the great dam at Lake Toxaway Sunday, although the 30-foot wall of water that rushed down the narrow mountain gorges into South Carolina wrought considerable damage to crops and homes. No houses were washed away.

After the waters left the passes they spread considerably.

The only damage reported at Toxaway was the destruction of the \$10,000 electric plant.

FARM LOAN BOARD ITINERARY

Includes Only Western States For the Present—To Visit the South At Later Date.

Washington.—It is stated at the offices of the Federal farm loan board that when the itinerary of the board is announced it will include only the Western states for the present, the South to be reached by the board probably the latter part of September.

The itinerary begins August 21 at Portland, Ore., and after that the capital of each state will be visited. The hearings in the South will be at Nashville, for Tennessee; at Little Rock, for Arkansas; at Montgomery, for Alabama, and Atlanta, for Georgia.

It is not likely that any Federal reserve bank city will be selected as a bank city for the Federal farm loan bank because the treasury department does not want to confuse the work of the Federal reserve and the Federal farm loan boards.

VILLA FORCE ROUTED.

Bandit Is Back in Mountains Nursing His Wounds.

Chihuahua, Mexico.—While Villa was hiding back in the mountains, nursing his old wounds, a band of his personal followers was attacked and routed at San Ignacio by Gen. Matias Ramos, who lost a captain killed and had his own horse wounded in the fight, according to an official report received by Gen. Trevino. This report placed Villa closer to the Durango border, near the Central Ry.

Ramos said he believed Uribe led the bandits, and added that he had news that this was Villa's own command. He reported that his men were following up the bandits.

BREMEN TO CARRY SOLDIERS.

Germans Ordered to New York For Passage On Submarine.

Appleton, Wis.—The submarine Bremen will carry a number of German soldiers back to Germany, according to a letter received here by Fred Certz from the German consul at New York.

Certz, William Hemling and Jacob Jess were ordered by the German consul to report at once to New York, where they will be picked up by the Bremen and taken to Germany.

AMERICAN DECORATED.

Lovering Hill Cited for Gallant Conduct in France.

Paris.—Lovering Hill of New York, in charge of one of the sections of the American field ambulance, has been cited for the third time in the French army orders. The citation, which is signed by Gen. Nivelle, is for "difficult and dangerous service during the period from June 22 to July 2, in which he showed again the finest qualities of forgetfulness of self and entire devotion to his service and to his men."

STRICKEN FROM BLACKLIST.

San Is Raised Against Several American Firms.

Washington.—Several American firms have been stricken from the British blacklist promulgated under the "trading with the enemy act," acting Secretary Polk announced, as a result of assurances given through the State Department satisfying the British authorities that the concerns were not involved in enemy trading.

EDITORS MEET AT CUMBERLAND GAP

THE EAST TENNESSEE PRESS ASSOCIATION HOLDS ITS ANNUAL CONVENTION.

ELECT HOLSTON PRESIDENT

Fifth Meeting of the Association One of the Most Successful in the History of the Organization.

Cumberland Gap.—The East Tennessee Press Association held its annual convention here last week with a fairly large attendance of editors. Topics of interest in newspaper circles were discussed.

An automobile trip was enjoyed to Lincoln Memorial University and addresses were given there and a social, with refreshments, enjoyed.

J. A. Holston of the Rogersville Herald was elected president, and other officers elected are:

Vice-President—F. Roger Miller, Morristown Republican.

Secretary-Treasurer—E. M. Hardy, Morristown Sun.

Executive Committee—J. R. Hedge, Maryville Enterprise; A. C. Williams, Cumberland Gap News; R. P. Sulte, Rockwood Times; H. M. Lynn, Cleveland Journal and Banner; C. H. McInturff, Greeneville Searchlight.

Membership Committee—W. D. Williams, East Tennessee Farmer, Knoxville; W. D. Lyon, Sullivan County Developer, Bluff City, and J. B. Hedge, Maryville Enterprise.

The fifth annual meeting of the association was one of the most successful in the history of the organization.

COUNTY ENGINEER REMOVED

First Application of the Ouster Act in Madison Is Against E. G. Buck.

Jackson.—E. G. Buck, county engineer, was ousted by a decree of Chancellor J. W. Ross in a suit brought against Buck by a number of citizens. The chancellor held that the ouster act of 1915 does apply to officials employed by the county court and that Buck had been guilty of nonfeasance, misfeasance and malfeasance.

The two main charges against Buck were that he made contracts with road commissioners and magistrates, and that he sold material belonging to the county. It is likely that an appeal will be taken to the supreme court.

The removal of County Engineer Buck is the first application of the ouster act in Madison county.

DIXIE HIGHWAY ASSOCIATION

President Allison Calls Meeting of Board of Directors To Be Held in Detroit.

Chattanooga.—Judge M. M. Allison, president of the Dixie Highway Association, has called a meeting of the board of directors of the association to be held in Detroit, Aug. 25.

The Detroit meeting of the board will be in the nature of a jubilee in celebration of some very pronounced successes obtained by the association in the construction of the eastern and western divisions of the Dixie highway from Michigan to Florida.

The most notable achievement is the closing up of all the gaps on the eastern division between Detroit and Chattanooga, of which the recent letting of the contract for the Monroe-Toledo link was an important feature.

Bruce Simpson, 20, deaf and dumb, and Belmer Reece, 15, of South Knoxville, were drowned in the Tennessee river. The young men drove two ponies attached to a small wagon into the river to water them, not realizing that the river had risen to a stage five or more feet. The small ponies soon walked into swimming water and in the excitement that followed both the young men and ponies soon sank to their death.

Charles E. Hughes, Republican nominee for the presidency, will make his Tennessee speech at Nashville, Sept. 4. This information was received in Johnson City in a telegram to Congressman Sam H. Sells, from Republican National Committee Chairman Wilcox. The supposition is that Nashville was chosen on account of its central position and also the fact that it is the capital of the state.

Congressman Houston Nominee.
Shelbyville.—Official count of the returns in the fifth district Democratic congressional primary, made by the district committee here shows Congressman Houston to be the nominee.

Memphis Is Indorsed.
Memphis.—Heavy indorsement of Memphis as a logical site for one of the government farm loan banks was given by the members of the Shelby County Farmers' Institute when meeting in the Business Men's Club.

URGING REGISTRATION.

State Registrar of Vital Statistics Visits Washington.

Washington, D. C.—Dr. H. H. Shoulders, state registrar of vital statistics for Tennessee, and Senator Shields met S. L. Rogers, director of the census, by appointment last week, and presented arguments and facts which they believe entitle Tennessee to admission of registration area of the United States.

In order to do this 90 per cent of the births and deaths of the state must be filed with the secretary of the state board of health at Nashville.

The department bases its estimates of Tennessee on reports secured from postmasters and rural carriers, while Dr. Shoulders stands by the reports of the health officers of the counties and their local registrars, which he claims are more nearly accurate.

The physicians of Tennessee are very anxious for this recognition on the part of the Federal government and Senator Shields is hopeful of success, owing to the strong presentation of facts by Dr. Shoulders.

WILL CONTINUE CAMPAIGN.

Constitutional Convention League Will Not Contest the Election.

Memphis.—L. S. Akers, secretary of the Shelby County Constitutional Convention Club, returned from Nashville, where he attended the meeting of the returning board, and declared there would be no contest of the election.

On the contrary, he said, the Constitutional Convention Club will continue the fight to secure a convention. He had a conference with officers of the Tennessee Constitutional Convention League, and they agreed that it would be best to allow the matter of the election drop, without making a contest.

MESSAGE FROM CARRANZA

To a Nashville Lady in Reference to Peace Meeting.

Chattanooga.—Mrs. J. D. Torrey of Nashville, daughter of Dr. Andres Osuna, director-general of education in the Carranza cabinet, who sent a telegram to President Carranza urging that the American-Mexican peace meeting be held on Signal Mountain, received a message from the head of the Mexican de facto government which, translated, reads:

"I take in consideration your message of Aug. 8. Receive you and your husband my cordial greetings. V. Carranza."

Mr. and Mrs. Torrey say they are assured that General Carranza prefers a southern resort for the meeting, and that they have knowledge he would be glad to see the conference held here.

CONFEDERATE REUNION.

Six Counties Represented in Annual Gathering.

Covington.—The 43d annual reunion of the Tipton County Confederate Veterans' Association, under the auspices of Joe Brown Blivouac of Veterans, was held at Brighton last week. Six thousand people were in attendance. Lauderdale, Dyer, Fayette, Haywood, Shelby and Tipton counties were well represented. Capt. W. H. Peezer presided as master of ceremonies.

Hon. Hubert Fisher of Memphis, who delivered the principal address, was introduced by Senator V. Kimbrough.

Upholds Automobile License Law.

Nashville.—In deciding the case of Leeman vs. H. R. Sneed, secretary of state, the supreme court has upheld the automobile license law which makes it a misdemeanor for the owner of any motorcycle, motor truck, automobile or traction engine to operate their machine on the public roads without first securing a certificate of registration from the secretary of state and makes it a misdemeanor to have any tag or number plate on the machine except the one furnished by the secretary of state.

Rhodes Declines To Run.

Huntingdon.—Assigning the reason that he believes he can do more effective work in the Farmers' Union and that duty demands that he continue in that field, Hon. Lucian Rhodes, state president of the Farmers' Union, declined in a published letter to enter the race for congress from the Eighth district against Congressman Sims, the Democratic nominee.

In Gallatin Since 1860.

Gallatin.—B. F. Stalnack of this place has just completed a list of the only white male citizens now residing in Gallatin who were here in 1860. The list follows: C. W. Hitchcock, J. B. Foster, E. B. Buck, R. P. Stalnack, Jesse Moore, Dr. W. T. Allen, A. M. Blue, G. T. Rose and W. A. Barbour.

Celebrate 50th Anniversary.

Pulaski.—Aug. 14, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Massey of Mulberry, Tenn., celebrated the 50th anniversary of their marriage. They have six children living, all of whom with their children, were present at this celebration.

Enters Upon Duties.

Cookeville.—Prof. C. D. Daniel of Franklin, dean of the Tennessee Polytechnic Institute of this city, has entered upon his duties. He is full of optimism and entertains high hopes for the success of the institution.

NEWS OF THE WEEK FROM OVER WORLD

HAPPENINGS IN OUR OWN AND OTHER COUNTRIES HERE ARE BRIEFLY TOLD.

SHORT ITEMS FOR BUSY MEN

Condensation of Week's News Reviewed Without Comment—All Nations Find Something to Edify and Instruct.

Mrs. Adolphus A. Laws of Centralia, Ill., was fined \$7.15 for allowing her 20-month-old baby girl to run outdoors without clothing of any kind.

Carrie, 14, and James, 10, children of W. Y. McCormick of Golconda, Ill., were recently drowned at a bathing beach in the Ohio river.

President Wilson has signed the agricultural appropriation bill, carrying approximately \$27,000,000.

Dr. Eva Harding, suffragist candidate for the Democratic nomination in the First District, Kansas, has been defeated by Rev. H. J. Corwine by a majority of 327 votes.

The Atlantic fleet championship trophies for gunnery and battle efficiency during the year were awarded to the battleship Texas.

According to a telegram from Bucharest the number killed in the explosion in the powder factory at Dudaesti was 115. Early reports stated that only 20 were killed.

Maj. Robert N. Winn, U. S. A., chief hospital surgeon with the national guardsmen at Eagle Pass, Tex., is dead after a few days' illness of pneumonia.

The government of Colombia has requested the Swiss government to send three Swiss officers for a period of three years to reorganize the Colombian army along Swiss lines.

Dr. Max Baff, psychologist of Clark College, Worcester, has discovered why girls kiss soldiers in uniform. He says: "It is the uniform the girls admire and not the soldier."

A Lloyd's dispatch from Barcelona says the Italian steamship San Sebastian, 4,043 tons, has been sunk by a submarine off Cape San Sebastian.

Truman Coats, a laborer of Havana, Ill., and his sister, Miss Australia Coats, of Mason City, Ia., have been notified they are two of 14 heirs to a \$4,000,000 estate near Chicago.

Americans are smoking more and more cigarettes. During the first half of this year, according to statistics issued, American manufacturers have marketed \$754,000,000 cigarettes, compared with \$333,000,000 in the same period last year.

The Saow Green fair, held in Lincolnshire, England, without break for 800 years, was abandoned this year on account of the war.

Depositors of the defunct La Salle Street Trust and Savings Bank, of which William Lorimer was president, after waiting two years, will get 25 per cent dividend soon.

Andre Godin, the Egyptologist and poet, has been killed in France by an aerial torpedo as he was leaving a communication trench at the back of the French lines.

Knights of Pythias brought to a close their supreme convention in Portland, Ore., after sessions extending 10 days. John J. Brown of Vandalia, Ill., was installed as supreme chancellor.

In a pistol fight with two suspected robbers, Ernest Keller, chief of police at Drumwright, Ok., was killed.

Secretary Daniels, in an address at the annual meeting of the Catholic Total Abstinence Society of America, expressed the belief that "the day is coming when total abstinence will prevail in America."

A. B. Stickney, founder of the Chicago Great Western, and constructor of other lines, is dead after an illness of four weeks.

After a struggle a shark seven and a half feet long and weighing 225 pounds was hooked and shot in the bathing center of Rockaway Beach.

The Portuguese congress was apprised that England would loan sums sufficient to cover the cost of participation in the war.

What is said to be the first union of letter carriers in the United States has been organized in Chicago, with over 200 members.

James Augustus Pecos, last survivor of the Pecos Indians, who in 1844 abandoned the Pecos Pueblo near Santa Fe and went to Juarez to live, is dead.

Henri Regnault's famous painting, "Salome," has been presented to the Metropolitan Museum of Art by George F. Baker, a banker.

Miss Helen Stewart, 22 years old, school teacher, who is held at Superior, Wis., on a charge of shooting Dr. J. G. Barnsdale, has refused to add to her statement of the affair, repeating that she "had tried to blind him because he had mistreated her."

Subsecretary of Foreign Relations Amador of Mexico is dead after an illness of 10 days.

J. E. Malone, former superintendent of schools of Cotton county, Ok., shot and killed himself and his daughter, Lavonne, 7 years old, at Walter, Ok., and wounded another daughter, Juanita, 12.

The state of Illinois is now officially free from foot and mouth disease.

General Callaris, Greek minister of war, has resigned.

The president has recently signed a bill appropriating \$135,000 to assist in the elimination of infantile paralysis.

Burton Harris, a laborer of Los Angeles, Cal., received a message that a wealthy uncle had left him \$200,000.

Vice Admiral Hikonojo Kamimura of the Japanese navy is dead.

A circular issued by an importing firm quoting prices on dyestuffs brought to this country by the submarine Deutschland shows that some grades of the product are valued at \$70 a pound.

A personal letter from President Wilson to the kaiser, touching on conditions in Poland, was delivered to Foreign Secretary von Jagow by Ambassador Gerard.

The famous bells from Salzburg cathedral have been melted down for war munitions.

Six thousand citizens have completed their course of military instruction at Plattsburg, each receiving his discharge.

Fighting between Chinese rebels and the loyal government troops again has broken out in Canton.

Commander Leigh C. Palmer was nominated by President Wilson to be chief of the navigation bureau with rank of rear admiral.

Without debate the senate agreed to the conference report on the army appropriation bill carrying \$267,597,000.

A battery of the Massachusetts national guard, known as the "millionaire battery," has declined the war department's offer to muster it out.

Germany has prohibited the importation of raw tobacco on account of the great stocks already in the empire.

Postponement from Oct. 1 to Nov. 1 of the opening of the mounted service school was announced by the war department.

All of the ships of the Atlantic fleet except the tender Yankton are engaged in maneuvers off the southern New England coast.

A terrific explosion of gas partly wrecked the Woodrow colliery of the Delaware, Lackawanna & Western Coal Co. at Edwardsville, Pa.

An explosion of ammunition which was about to be shipped from Koenigsberg, Prussia, caused the death of 30 men and 20 women.

W. B. Ellis, sheriff of Baylor county, Texas, was knocked down by a blow from the handcuffed fists of Steven Brown, a negro whom he had under arrest, and then slain with his own revolver. A mob shot Brown to death.

Frank Beck, living on the Murphy farm, a little west of Litchfield, Ill., killed himself with a shotgun in a corn field.

The senate and house conferees on the naval bill have voted to report a disagreement of the building and personnel sections.

"Undiluted Americanism" was adopted as its own by the convention of the Central German-American Alliance at Erie, Pa.

The year's naval war game will embrace nearly half of the Atlantic coast, and will be staged commencing Aug. 23.

One death and much damage was caused by a storm which swept over Pittsburg and Allegheny county, Pa.

Miss Flora Sanders, a sergeant in the Serbian army, has arrived at Toulon on her way to her regiment after a holiday in Ireland.

About 18,000 Austrian prisoners, taken by the Serbians and transported from the Adriatic to the island of Anasara, have been taken to France.

Ralph Olney, 22; Beatrice Whitney, 17, and Edna Whitney, 13, were drowned at Cedar Rapids, Ia., in the Cedar river, when a canoe was upset.

Fire and Police Commissioner W. T. McLean of Memphis was suspended by Judge Harsh of the criminal court on charges that he had failed to enforce the state liquor law.

Carrie Colvin, her brother, Joseph Colvin, who attempted rescue, and Mildred Moyer were drowned in the Kiser creek near Barry, Ill.

The long battle between Vernon and North Vernon, Ind., for the courthouse of the county will be fought out finally at the polls Sept. 25.